

# ABSTRACT

A method and system for electronically cataloging photographic image data uses a transponder that generates and transmits a unique identification code uniquely identifying the subject of the photographic image to a remote detection unit located within a digital camera. Upon receipt, the unique identification code is verified to correspond with the intended subject of a photographic image, and upon successful verification, the image is recorded. The transmitted unique identification code is encoded in the associated recorded image data, and the data is transferred to a computer-readable storage medium and stored in a database. Once stored, the image can be securely accessed and displayed via a user interface using the associated unique identification code.

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